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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Title: A Process, A Method and A System for Evaluating Supplier Performance  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers - Filing Date Granted, dated March 7, 2001, the following documents are enclosed to complete the filing of the above-identified patent application:

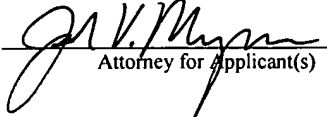
1. Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84(g).
2. Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2386.

It is hereby respectfully submitted that the enclosed documents complete the filing of the above patent application. Please telephone the undersigned at (512) 794-3600, if there are any questions. This form is being submitted in duplicate.

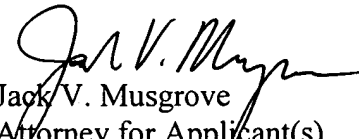
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